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OMB HAS JUST GIVEN ITS APPROVAL FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO TRANSMIT TO THE CONGRESS A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PENDING LEGISLATION TO WAIVE THE U.S. LAWS RESTRICTING TRADE BETWEEN POINTS IN THE UNITED STATES REGARDING INFLATABLE RAFTS. CONSEQUENTLY WE DELIVERED ON OCTOBER 11 THE FOLLOWING AIDE MEMOIRE TO EC MISSION:

BEGIN AIDE MEMOIRE: THE CONCERNS CONTAINED IN THE DELEGATION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES' AIDE-MEMOIRE OF JULY 18, 1977, REGARDING THE POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF THE MERCHANT MARINE ACT OF 1920 AND OF P.L. 519(46 U.S.C. 390)
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TO COVER THE USE OF INFLATABLE RAFTS IN WHITE WATER RIVERS, HAVE BEEN CONVEYED TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED THAT THE CUSTOMS SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY HAS TAKEN THE POSITION THAT UNDER SECTION 4132 OF THE REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED (46 U.S.C. 11) AND SECTION 4.80 OF THE CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

(19 C.F.R. 4.80) FOREIGN-BUILT RAFTS CANNOT ENGAGE IN COMMERCIAL CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS BETWEEN POINTS ON THE NAVIGABLE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES. APPLICATION OF THESE LAWS AND REGULATIONS IS VIEWED AS IMPLEMENTATION OF LONG-STANDING LEGAL PRINCIPLES TO A NEW SITUATION RATHER THAN AN EXTENSION OF THE LAW.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY PENDING IN THE CONGRESS SEVERAL BILLS WHICH GENERALLY WOULD PROVIDE THAT THE LAWS RESTRICTING TRADE BETWEEN POINTS IN THE UNITED STATES SHALL NOT APPLY TO INFLATABLE BOATS USED IN RIVER RUNNING. THE DEPARTMENT IS ADVISING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT IT FAVORS SUCH LEGISLATION AS BEING IN ACCORD WITH THE PRESIDENT'S OBJECTIVE OF MAINTAINING A POLICY OF LIBERAL TRADE.
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